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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Todd J. MORTIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
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Application No.: 09/981,790 ) Examiner: David Willse  
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Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM )  
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE )  
AND METHOD )

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.